

1997 Hall of Fame Inductee

Arthur R. Kurtz

Arthur R. Kurtz grew up on a dairy farm in Sauk County. He attended Baraboo High School and was a charter member of the Baraboo High School FFA Chapter in 1930. Arthur earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1939, majoring in agriculture education with a minor in Agronomy. He received his Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in August of 1950.

Arthur taught vocational agriculture at Weyauwega from 1939 to 1944. From 1944 to 1951 he taught vocational agriculture at West Bend. He joined the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture staff in September 1951. Initially he served in the Animal Health Division and later served as Personnel Officer of the Department and as Assistant Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.

Art has received numerous awards for his dedication to Agriculture and the FFA. He is a past state and national FFA Alumni President. Over the years, Art has been a frequent speaker, emcee and song leader for many professional, farm, civic, youth, and church events. He believes that our country is the greatest place in which to live and work. Art is an avid supporter of a strong conservation ethic and keenly feels the need to protect and preserve our nation's resources. Our youth, he believes, is our greatest single resource. Art and his wife, Genevieve, have three children, James, Kathy and David.